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Office of Security Trade Controls

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Mr. David Tilson  
Mutual Defense Assistance Controls  
Foreign Operations Administration  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Tilson:

Many thanks for your letters of February 18 and March 8. I've been meaning for some time to write to you directly and thank you for all you did for me when I was home. I feel that I have only now got back to normal from my time away from Paris.

1. Fact Sheets. ED/EC D-51 of Jan. 15th, Fact Sheets for Briefing Purposes, p. 4, assigns the responsibility for # 25 ILLEGAL TRADE (a) number and location of offenders (b) volume of trade involved, and (c) number of offenses to Mr. Beresford (and you, of course). We would be interested in receiving copies of this report. We have never received the CIA report on Magnitude of Diversions (Copper & Aluminum), nor a copy of the beautiful map indicating concentrations of diversion activities; nor the chart showing transactions and movement of goods. Will we ever have copies released to us?

2. Numbering of Diversion Cases. In further connection with my letter of February 24th on the subject, might it not be a good idea to develop a more complicated numbering system; i.e., assign 10-category to copper so that the copper cases would be 10.1, 10.2, 10.3, etc.; Aluminum - Category 11, with cases 11.1, 11.2, etc. I am still voting for some kind of category breakdown.

3. USRO/ST Diversion Case Summaries. As you will see by my letter to Mr. Kramer of March 8th (cc Beresford) re distribution of USRO/ST Diversion Summaries, I am planning a summary of the French & German cobalt diversions via Antwerp in addition to the CERIUM. These diversions, whether originating in Germany or France, have the same characteristics and are being master-minded, we think, by a TECHNICAL PROGRESS of Zurich complex.

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4. Miscellaneous. Thanks for putting me straight on Mr. Beresford's title and the IWC-EDAC connection.

Will we ever get a copy of Mr. A. Hunter's report on his sojourn with us? 7 sub  
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The Minutes of the DNC are very welcome and informative. They are a great help in keeping us au courant of what is going on in Washington.

My regards to all.

Sincerely,

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